	ATES DISTRICT COURT ICT OF MINNESOTA
) (MJD/JJG))) Minneapolis, Minnesot) April 5, 2011) 2:05 p.m.))) ORABLE MICHAEL J. DAVIS
	S DISTRICT COURT JUDGE SENTENCING)
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2	IN OPEN COURT
3	THE COURT: Let's call this matter.
4	THE CLERK: The United States of America vs.
5	Kenneth Leon Wilcox, Criminal Case No. 10-CR-173. Counsel,
6	will you please state your appearances for the record.
7	MS. SVENDSEN: Good afternoon, Your Honor.
8	Kimberly Svendsen on behalf of the United States.
9	THE COURT: Good afternoon.
10	MR. OLSON: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Doug
11	Olson on behalf of Mr. Wilcox, who is with me.
12	THE COURT: Good afternoon. Step forward.
13	Counsel, there is a <i>pro se</i> motion that's before me
14	that I have not ruled on dealing with Mr. Wilcox wishing to
15	withdraw his plea. What is your position on this?
16	MR. OLSON: I do believe that Mr. Wilcox intends
17	to withdraw that motion and I think that's his request. We
18	are ready to proceed.
19	THE COURT: Is that correct, Mr. Wilcox?
20	THE DEFENDANT: Yes.
21	THE COURT: Are you withdrawing your motion to
22	withdraw your plea?
23	THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.
24	THE COURT: All right. Counsel, have you had an
25	opportunity to review the presentence investigation report

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                 MS. SVENDSEN: Yes, Your Honor.
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                 MR. OLSON: Yes, Your Honor.
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       statements contained in the presentence investigation
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                 MS. SVENDSEN: Not from the Government, Your
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                 MR. OLSON: Your Honor, I've noted in
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       particular -- the addendum sets forth my factual objections
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       to the PSR. And as I've further indicated in my position
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       paper, we do contest and object to the factual allegation
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       that there was sexual abuse involving Mr. Wilcox and the
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       teenager identified as C.L.H. in paragraphs -- particularly
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       paragraph 6 of the PSR.
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                 THE COURT: The defendant objects to certain
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       factual details contained in paragraph 6 of the presentence
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       investigation report. Specifically he denies allegations
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       that the pictures taken by the victim of her friend were at
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                 The defendant further objects to all the
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       allegations made by the victim's friend C.L.H. He admits
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These facts are supported by the victim's and C.L.H.'s statements to law enforcement and Child Protective Services. Furthermore, the allegations are consistent with some of the terms of the sexual -- sex contracts that the defendant had the victim sign.

These objections do not affect the applicable guideline calculations and therefore the Court will overrule the Defense objections to those and they will be included into the presentence investigation report.

Further the defendant objects to those parts of paragraphs 124 and 125 that mention wage garnishment for child support. The defendant states that at the time his wages were garnished, he lived with the victim and her mother and provided them with financial support; therefore, garnishment of his wages is irrelevant.

These objections do not affect the sentencing guideline calculations and will not be taken into account in sentencing; therefore, those paragraphs will be taken out.

The Court adopts the factual statements contained in the presentence investigation report as its findings of fact subject to the Court's ruling.

Counsel, have you had an opportunity to review the advisory guideline calculations?

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                 MR. OLSON: Yes, Your Honor.
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                             Any objections to those calculations?
                 MS. SVENDSEN: Not from the Government, Your
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                 THE COURT: They are as follows: Total offense
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       of five years to life, a fine range of 25,000 to 250,000
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       the two counts that the defendant had pled guilty to.
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                 All right. Mr. Olson.
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                 MR. OLSON: Well, the Court is certainly aware of
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       my request and my position here with respect to sentencing.
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       There's a reason that, you know, we spend time trying to
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       discuss and talk about a person's past history and their
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       abuse victim not on one occasion, but twice as he was being
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So as we stand here today we're looking at a person who up until he started abusing his daughter wasn't molesting children, wasn't a predator, no indication that he's a psychopath or that he suffered from some horrible schizophrenia or mental illness, basically no substantial criminal history.

So something happened, you know, a number of years ago to this individual and he stands before the Court having acknowledged his guilt. He's a person who is appropriately and sincerely remorseful that this is what happened. He's a person who absolutely wants treatment. He is treatable.

Now, there's a reason that -- there's an additional reason, above and beyond adding some color and layers to his personal background and circumstances, that we would get a psychosexual evaluation done for a person.

And I'll comment for a second because there are all kinds of sex offenders, predators, child molesters, abusers we wouldn't think of getting a psychosexual evaluation done on because we know what the result is going to be because we know that all kinds of these horrible predatory abusers, you can't say anything good about them, they can't say anything good about themselves, they aren't remorseful, they're psychopaths. Mr. Wilcox isn't one of them.

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Mr. Wilcox when he got arrested a year ago, you know, he went through a period, like some offenders do, where there's the denial, there's the minimization, there's the anger, there's the grief, there's the woes me phase, and what am I looking at and whatnot.

But sometime starting last spring and particularly into the summer and the fall he really made an effort at, you know, first of all dealing with what he had done, trying to address it in whatever -- how do you do it, whatever is appropriate, and then trying to figure out if there's something available. While he is sitting in custody it's frustrating because the resources aren't available. Is there something that I can do for myself to help me better myself, start thinking about why I became a child abuser, what it is that drove me to do this, is there something I can do, is there a future for me, is there more to me than just a monster.

And his efforts at self help has been a constant thing he's been working on. He's gone up and down every now and then, but his efforts are sincere. It demonstrates that he is a person who at the end of the day is treatable.

He would like, as I indicated in my position paper, if the Court gives him the benefit of some freedom some day way in the future, to reach out and help other people. That's the kind of person that he is.

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And I'll simply -- I'll add to that that, you know, I've been doing this for 25 years. The Court has been doing this for longer than that. I have never really seen a sex offender reach out and take these kinds of self help measures.

And this isn't about putting on a show for sentencing. You know, you can only -- people put on their colors and their pictures for sentencing, but you don't spend hours and hours engaging in reading books and asking your attorney to go get you another book and going through the workbook which comes along with it, sending out letters to ministries, writing out and taking classes and correspondence courses just because you want to get a better sentence. That's not what this is about.

So whatever else comes here today, I commend
Mr. Wilcox for taking some efforts to try and improve
himself. There's not a lot available while you're sitting
in the Sherburne County Jail. And whatever else happens
here he'll continue to work on it. That's really kind of
the person that he is.

You know, I can't, he can't say much about the horrible nature of the abuse, the strange, disgusting nature of the sexual contracts and everything that went on between him and his daughter.

And he knows that he's got to be punished. He

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knows he's got to go to prison for it. Ultimately it's the Court's determination what's the appropriate punishment in light of the conduct.

Can't turn back the past, but I'd ask the Court to give at least some consideration if you'd give him some glimmer of hope or optimism so that he can make his days in prison something that he can continue to strive and improve himself on.

I'd simply ask that the Court -- a couple of things. You know, life is not an appropriate sentence for a person who appears before the Court as a first-time offender, who has appropriately stepped up to the plate, pled guilty. He's remorseful and he's treatable. I'd ask that the Court impose a sentence of 20 years as sufficient but not greater than necessary here.

Just a couple of last things. The Court -- I would ask the Court to give some consideration to the six months he spent in the Martin County Jail -- BOP won't give him credit for that -- and some consideration for the fact that he's been in segregation in the special housing unit, which is a difficult way to spend your time at the Sherburne County Jail.

Mr. Wilcox has asked for recommendations for mental health and sex offender treatment. Lexington,
Kentucky, is one place that has both available. It also

Thank you, Your Honor.

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would be closer to his mother. So I would ask the Court to make a recommendation to BOP that he get that treatment help while he's serving his sentence and that if appropriate -- if it's appropriate, that he go to Lexington, Kentucky.

THE COURT: Mr. Wilcox, would you please step to the microphone. Sir, this is your opportunity to speak to the Court. This is your opportunity to tell me anything that you want to tell me about yourself, about this offense, or anything else that you think I should know before I sentence you. Please talk to me.

THE DEFENDANT: There's not a day that don't go by that I don't regret what has happened. I wish I could turn back and change what I've done. It basically changed my whole life. I didn't realize the addiction that I had to pornography, period, since my incarceration of seeing what I was doing to myself, to my daughter, and to the rest of my family because of my closed-mindedness.

I've been working with an organization called Pure Life Ministry out of Dry Ridge, Kentucky, and he's a former deputy sheriff out of California and that's what he specializes in and it's helped me greatly and I plan on keeping a long way -- in that step and other steps, you know, to get myself back to where I can be productive and helpful to others.

1 Anything else, sir? THE COURT: 2 THE DEFENDANT: Not that I can really think of. 3 mean, I wish my daughter was here so I could tell her how sorry I was, but unfortunately she's not. 4 5 THE COURT: Thank you. Step back. Anything for the Government? 6 7 MS. SVENDSEN: Yes, Your Honor. The sexual abuse 8 that this defendant perpetrated against his daughter over a 9 period of years is unimaginable for us. This victim has 10 described the flashbacks and the nightmares and the suicidal 11 thoughts that she had to Probation, but there's no way for 12 us to conceive of what it's like for a young girl to have 13 her dad, who is a person who is expected to care for her and 14 keep her safe, rape her over a period of years. 15 This defendant preyed on his daughter by taking 16 her out on the road away from home and away from any 17 possible support system that she might have, where she was 18 isolated; and he did this over and over for a period of 19 years. He videotaped the abuse to watch it later and that's 20 a tape that the Court has had an opportunity to view. 2.1 We can't conceive of what it's like for this young 2.2 girl to have a mother who disbelieved that this was 23 happening, a mother who would write a letter to the Court 24 supporting this defendant rather than supporting the victim 25 here today.

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And we can't imagine what it's like for that young girl at 13 years old to have her dad present her with the type of sex contracts that this defendant did in this case that talk about things that are just unspeakable and to have her sign those contracts and to initial the paragraphs describing the sexual conduct that she would be expected to engage in.

Those contracts repeatedly instruct her to get pictures of her friends and to ask her friends to participate in the abuse. They repeatedly tell her that any daughters she has will be subject to the same abuse that she went through.

And the contracts as they go are dated further and further out to make it clear -- the last one says that the abuse will continue on through some date in 2015, making it clear to her that this is going to continue and just increasing the psychological torture that she goes through, that there's no way out of this situation.

And respectfully the Government suggests that the defendant's assertion that these contracts are not serious or should be disregarded is patently absurd. On their face they repeatedly assert that they aren't jokes and that the defendant's daughter will be required to follow them. And this is the reality of what this victim went through for four years and this is the conduct that brings us here

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In my sentencing position I've addressed most of the defendant's requests for a downward variance and I won't rehash those arguments here other than to point out that the defendant is asking for a very substantial variance.

His guideline range, as the Court is well aware, is substantially off the top of the guideline chart and the defendant is asking for basically an 11-level downward variance that would disregard virtually all of the enhancements that apply in this case.

I would like to say briefly a word about the report, the psychosexual evaluation that the defendant has provided here today. And although the expert is not here for the Government to cross-examine, it does not appear that her evaluation takes into account information that's in the PSR or in the record before the Court that really sets forth the defendant's desire or intent to continue to engage in these type of behaviors, specifically his requests for his daughter to take pictures of her friends and his indications that he would do the same thing to the defendant's [sic] daughter.

In addition the report indicates that throughout the expert's analysis the defendant in connection with one of the tests attempted to exaggerate or emphasize his mental health problems, which indicates that he may not have been

entirely truthful with the expert.

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The defendant's actions in this case were undeniably monstrous and the victim will carry them with her for the rest of her life and attempt to deal with them. A sentence of life imprisonment in this case would be a just one and would be sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to comply with the purposes of sentencing.

Thank you, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Thank you.

Kenneth Leon Wilcox, please step to the podium.

On October 14, 2010 the defendant pled guilty to Counts 1 and 2 of the ten-count indictment, Count 1, transportation of a minor with intent to engage in criminal sexual activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2423(a), a Class A felony; Count 2, production of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2251(a) and (e), a Class B felony. It is considered and adjudged that the defendant is guilty of those two counts of the ten-count indictment. The Court will sentence the defendant as follows:

The Court has reviewed the presentence investigation report. The Court has reviewed the sentencing memorandums that have been supplied to the Court by both the Defense and the Government. The Court has reviewed the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals decisions dealing with

sentencing.

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The Court has reviewed the psychosexual report, psychological report that was given to the Court by the Defense. The Court has reviewed any and all other submissions to the Court, also including the Court viewing the videotape that was confiscated from the defendant and is part of the charges in this case dealing with the rape of his own daughter.

The Court has reviewed the factors under Title 18, 3553, and will sentence the defendant accordingly. The defendant is hereby committed to the care and custody of the Bureau of Prisons for a term of 480 months. This term consists of 480 months on Count 1 and 360 months on Count 2, all to be served concurrently.

The Court will not impose a fine and there's no forfeiture issues.

As of this time the defendant [sic] has not identified the amount of restitution owed for ongoing counseling and treatment. If the victim subsequently discovers further losses, the victim shall have 60 days after discovery of those losses in which to petition the Court for an amended restitution order.

Such order may be granted only upon a showing of good cause for failure to include such losses in the initial claim of restitution relief. That's pursuant to Title 18,

1 United States Code, Section 3664(d)(5). 2 Over the period of incarceration the defendant 3 shall make payments of either quarterly installments of a minimum of \$25 if working non-UNICOR or a minimum of 4 5 50 percent of monthly earnings if working UNICOR. The defendant should participate in the Inmate 6 7 Financial Responsibility Program while incarcerated. 8 The defendant is sentenced to a term of supervised 9 release for life. This term consists of life on Counts 1 10 and 2 and all such terms to run concurrently. The following 11 mandatory conditions are applicable: 12 The defendant must report to the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office in the district to 13 14 which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release 15 from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons. 16 Two, the defendant shall not commit any crimes, 17 federal, state, or local. 18 Three, the defendant shall not illegally possess a 19 controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any 20 unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall 2.1 submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from 2.2 imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter 23 as determined by the Court.

Next, the defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition or destructive device or any other destructive --

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or dangerous weapon.

Next, the defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer.

Next, the defendant shall comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in which he resides, works, is a student, or was convicted of a qualifying offense.

Next, restitution may be imposed. It is a condition of supervision that the defendant may pay in accordance with the schedule of payments sheet of the judgment.

Next, the defendant shall abide by the standard conditions of supervised release that have been adopted by this Court, including the following special conditions:

One, the defendant shall abstain from the use of alcohol and other intoxicants and not frequent establishments whose primary business is the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Next, the defendant shall participate in a program for substance abuse as approved by the probation officer.

That program may include testing and inpatient or outpatient treatment, counseling, or support group. Further, the defendant shall contribute to the costs of such treatment as

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determined by the Probation Office Co-Payment Program, not to exceed the total cost of treatment.

Next, the defendant shall not possess or use a computer or have access to any online service without the prior approval of the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office.

The defendant shall identify all computer systems, Internet capable devices, and similar memory and electronic devices to which the defendant has access and allow installation of a computer and Internet monitoring service program.

Monitoring may include random examinations of computer systems, along with Internet, electronic, and media storage devices under the defendant's control. The computer system or devices may be removed for a more thorough examination if necessary. The defendant shall contribute to the costs of such monitoring services based on the defendant's ability to pay as deemed appropriate by the Probation Office.

Next, the defendant shall refrain from accessing that matter which relates to the activity in which the defendant was engaged in committing the instant offense behavior, namely child pornography.

Next, the defendant shall provide the probation officer access to any requested financial information,

including credit reports, credit card bills, bank statements, and telephone bills.

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Next, the defendant shall not associate with persons under the age of 18 except in the presence of a responsible adult who is aware of the nature of the defendant's background and current offense and who has been approved by the probation officer.

Next, the defendant shall register with the state sex offender registration agency in any state where the defendant resides, is employed, carries on a vocation, or is a student as directed by the probation officer.

The probation officer will provide the state officials with any and all information, including substance abuse and mental health treatment records, required by the state sex offender registration agency.

The probation officer may direct the defendant to report to that agency personally for additional processing, including such things as photographing, fingerprinting, and providing a blood sample for DNA records.

The defendant shall participate in sex offender and/or mental health treatment as approved by the probation officer and shall submit to risk assessment, which may include, but not limited to, arousal screening, penile plethysmographing and polygraphing and/or truth verification testing. Sex offender assessments and treatment are to be

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conducted by a therapist approved in advance by the Probation Office.

Further, the defendant shall contribute to the costs of such treatment as determined by the Probation Office Co-Payment Program, not to exceed the total cost of treatment.

Next, the defendant shall not have -- shall have no contact with the victims, including letters, communication devices, audio or visual devices, visits, or any contact through a third party without the Court's permission, not the Probation Office's permission, the Court's permission.

The defendant shall take all -- take any prescribed medications as directed by a medical provider.

If not employed at a regular lawful occupation as deemed appropriate by the probation officer, the defendant may be required to perform up to 20 hours of community service per week until employed. The defendant may also participate in training, counseling, daily job search, or other employment related activities as directed by the probation officer.

Next, the defendant shall submit his person, residence, office, vehicle, or any area under the defendant's control to a search conducted by the United States Probation Office or supervised designee at a

1 reasonable time in a reasonable manner based upon reasonable 2 suspicion of contraband or evidence of a supervision 3 violation. 4 The defendant shall warn any other residents or 5 third parties that the premises or areas under the 6 defendant's control may be subject to searches pursuant to 7 this condition. 8 Finally, there's a \$100 special assessment on each 9 count -- and that makes it a total, grand total, of \$200 10 special assessment -- payable to the Crime Victims Fund, 11 which is required by statute to be paid immediately. 12 Sir, if you feel the Court has not followed the 13 law in the imposition of your sentence, you have a right to 14 appeal your sentence to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals 15 which sits in St. Louis. You have 14 days from today's date 16 to file your notice of appeal to the Eighth Circuit Court of 17 Appeals. 18 Mr. Olson will be your attorney on that appeal. 19 If you do not wish to have Mr. Olson, you can represent 20 yourself or you can hire your own attorney. In any event, 21 you have 14 days from today's date to submit your notice of 2.2 appeal to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. 23 The Court has reviewed everything in this file. 24 The guidelines sentence calls for life imprisonment. 25 However, the Court feels that the punishment that will be

1 just in this matter is a 40-year term in prison. 2 The statement, sir, of you wishing that your 3 daughter was here so you can apologize is one of -- it rings 4 so hollow that really the Court should not respond to it. 5 You abused your daughter in the most despicable way possible 6 for a lengthy period of time, isolated her. 7 unfortunately is destroyed for the rest of her life. And 8 the just punishment in this matter is for you to spend 9 practically the rest of your life in prison. 10 Anything further for the Government? 11 MS. SVENDSEN: No, Your Honor. 12 THE COURT: Anything further for the Defense? 13 MR. OLSON: Just briefly, Your Honor. The Eighth 14 Circuit suggests the following: I object to the sentence 15 imposed as unreasonable on substantive grounds and I object 16 to the sentence on procedural grounds as inadequate 17 application of the 3553(a) sentencing factors, including the 18 individual characteristics of the defendant. And I object 19 that the Court relied upon objected-to portions of the PSR 20 in its sentencing. 2.1 THE COURT: Anything else that you need to put on 2.2 the record to cover your appeal? 23 MR. OLSON: And the objected-to portions of the 24 PSR were specifically objected to and the Government offered 25 no proof on those, and that goes to part of the procedural

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                 THE COURT: The Court states all the defense
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                 (Court adjourned at 2:45 p.m.)
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4	I, Lori A. Simpson, certify that the foregoing is a
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